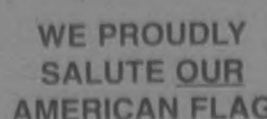




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## Ohio-based automotive supplier chooses Elba as home for new facility

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Jobs are an important part of economic growth, and to have that, a city needs industry. Well, the City of Elba got it last week when officials announced the expansion of a northwest Ohio automotive parts supplier.

During a ceremony Thursday, June 19, from the auditorium of Elba High School, officials announced an agreement with Toledo Molding & Die, Inc. (TMD) to expand its plastic injection and blow molding business by building a new facility in Elba.

"Without question, this is a great day for the City of Elba and State of Alabama," Elba Mayor James Grimes said. "Elba, Alabama is open for business!"

Elba Industrial Development board chairman Eddie Kelley said Grimes is on mission to create jobs and offer a better

quality of life for the people of Elba, and the city is a great place to operate a business while raising a family.

On that note, Mayor Grimes and Elba Economic

Development Corporation director Kaye Whitworth joined Jarrod Massey, president of Massey Development Group, Inc., in introducing the "newest corporate citizen of Elba - Toledo Molding & Die, Inc."

President and CEO of TMD, Donald L. Harbaugh, immediately got down to business when he said the company presently employs about 950 people with its operations in Ohio and expects to employ 100 plus with the new

facility in Elba.

With the automotive industry growing in the southern region of the United States, Harbaugh said leaders of TMD realized the company needed to be in this region if it wanted to be a "player" in the industry.

Therefore, the search for a new location began.

"We looked in four states," he said. "And, Elba came out number one."

He said it was very obvious from the beginning the officials from Elba wanted TMD to locate here, and that was very important to him.

Harbaugh stressed this in saying the officials from Elba had done a wonderful job in getting everybody on the same page.

"We (TMD) are excited about coming to Elba and the region," he said. "And, we will hire a lot of people from this little community here."

Harbaugh said TMD believes in creating value for the customers, and creating value for the community it's in; therefore, he said he looks forward to supporting the community of Elba.

Speaker of the House Seth Hammett spoke directly to Harbaugh when he said there is a stable environment for business and Alabama and especially in Elba.



## Jesse Lewis accepts governor's appointment to commission seat

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission welcomed a new member to its panel Monday morning, June 23, prior to the regular bimonthly meeting as the vacant District Two seat was filled.

This seat was recently left vacant following the death of Commissioner Kayo Lewis, and Monday morning, his wife, Jesse Lewis, filled the spot as she took the oath of office delivered by Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill.

Later in the meeting Lewis said she was very humble and honored to have this position and is looking forward to working with the other commissioners.

She received the appointment to the seat from Governor Bob Riley and will complete the remainder of her husband's term in office.

"I can not nearly fill my husband's shoes, but I will do my very best," Lewis said.

Elba Mayor James Grimes addressed the commission Monday morning to ask for the county's assistance.

"As you know, we've got a new industry coming to Elba," Grimes said. "I'm here to ask for assistance."

The mayor said the city would greatly benefit from the county's help with in-kind services such as preparing the site for construction of the building, and

he said this help would help to keep costs down.

Commissioner Jim Thompson asked Grimes if the city would have someone at the site to help county engineer Randy Tindell and his crew with the details of the work, and Grimes assured him there would be others working on-site.

He said the city does not have all the equipment needed to prepare the land nor the expertise for this type job, therefore, he said the county's help will be much needed and appreciated.

Also, the mayor said the city has access to and will provide all the dirt needed for the job.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks made a motion to allow the county to assist the City of Elba in preparing the site for the construction of the new building. His motion received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said the county has finally completed the voting location lines to comply with the federal justice department.

He said there were only very minor changes, but these had to be done to follow the geometric lines of the county.

Mobley said any voter affected by these changes in figures to district or polling place will be notified by the Board of



Probate Judge William O. Gammill provides the oath of office for Jesse Lewis Monday morning, June 23, prior to the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission. Lewis was appointed to the District II seat following the recent death of her husband, Kayo Lewis. Those looking on include Lewis' son, Keith Lewis; daughter, Maxine Lane; and daughter-in-law, Lyn Lewis.

Registrars. Commissioner Robert Stephens made a move to allow the county attorney to go ahead and submit the new lines to the

County Board of Election Commissioners.

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However, she said the time has come when something must be done according to the health department officials.

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He said this is going to be a longtime fix. Jernigan said, "If we have to spend twice as much to get it done right, let's do it now."

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## Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will conduct a special meeting Thursday, June 26, at 6 p.m. (TONIGHT), from the BOE office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba.

NAACP COB 8507 EXECUTIVE MEETING will be held Saturday, June 28, at 9:30 a.m. with the regular monthly meeting following at 10:30 a.m. at John Chapel AME, Enterprise. For more information contact Tammy Haynes 393-6747.

AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY CHAPTER POST 42 will meet Tuesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. at the Legion Building on the Troy Hwy.

THE "CELEBRATE ELBA 150" COMMITTEE will host a birthday Bash commemorating Elba's 150 years Saturday evening, July 12, beginning around 5 p.m. This event will offer fun for the entire family as everyone enjoys a huge picnic around the historic courthouse square. The evening will conclude with a large fireworks display set to begin between 8:30 and 9 p.m. There is no admission charge to attend this event.

## \*NOTICE\*

The City of Elba offices will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

There will be standby crews for any emergency with electrical, water, street or sewer. To request an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-4343.

The garbage schedule will be unchanged.

## Elba City Council meets . . . and adjourns

The Elba City Council meeting Monday evening consisted of two motions, one to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and another to adjourn. In between there was a brief statement by the police chief and a reminder that each council member had a copy of the current financial statement.

Mayor James Grimes and Council member David Bandstra were not in attendance. They were both on a trip to Toledo, Ohio, to visit the home offices of Toledo Molding & Die, Inc., Elba's newest manufacturing employer. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Hammond presided over the brief meeting.

Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council members of a recent meeting of the E-911 board in which he was told of plans to spend \$100,000 to upgrade the E-911 computer system in the

Elba police department. It is to include software to drastically cut down on the amount of paperwork not necessary. Also included will be a mapping system which will allow instantly pinpointing the location of any 911 call placed within the county.

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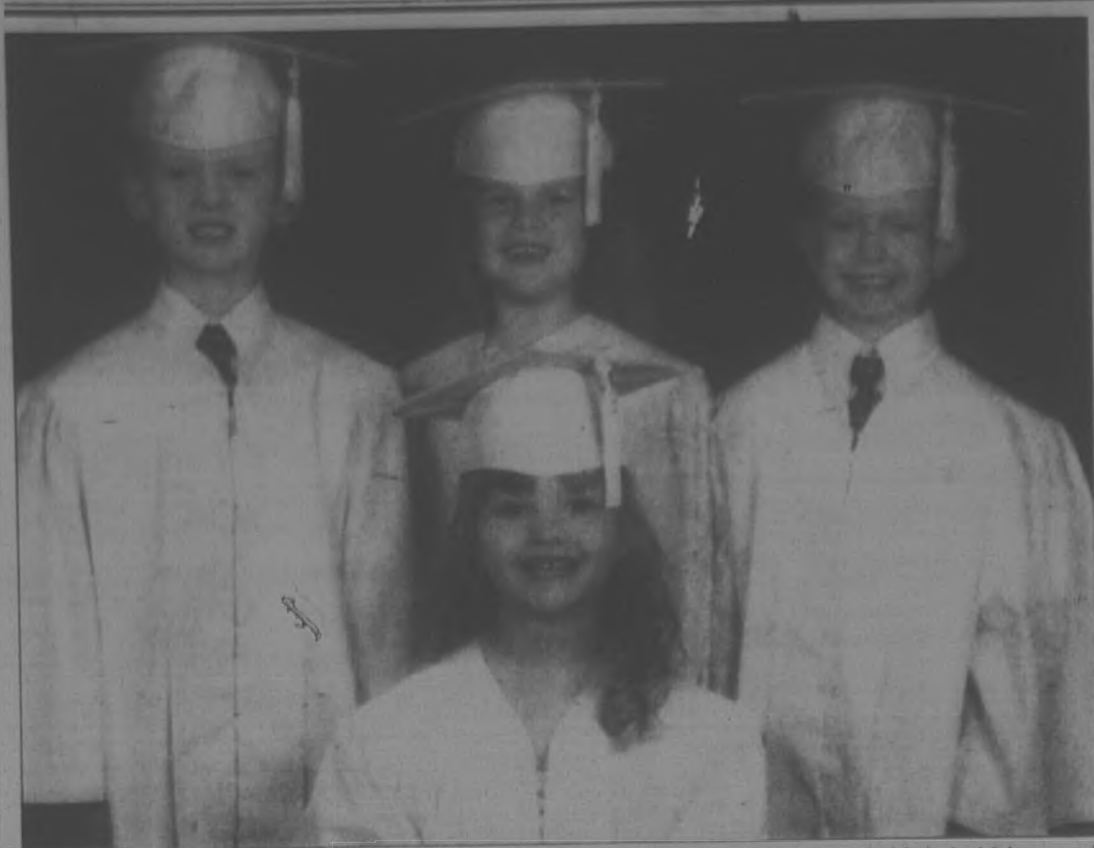








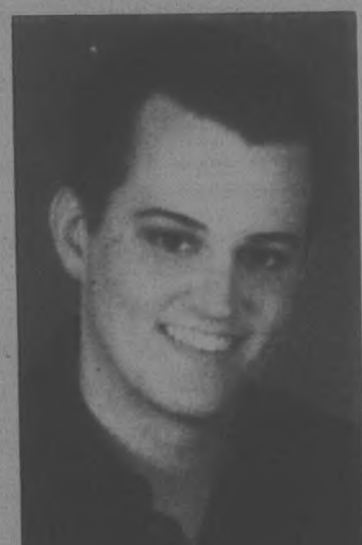
# LIFESTYLES



**THE YOUNG WORLD** LEARNING KINDERGARTEN and Day Care held their 16th annual Kindergarten graduation on May 16, 2003. The program consisted of The Pledge, Bible verses, nursery rhymes and songs. From left to right back, Chase Moseley, Madelyn Kelley and Chace Nelson. Front, Breannah Addison.

## Jonathan Ross receives Doctor of Pharmacy degree

W. Jonathan Ross, son of Ronald and Ramona Ross of Elba, was one of 83 graduates who received the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University during commencement exercises held on May 24 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena. Dr. Ross is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School and completed his undergraduate studies at Troy State University. He is currently practicing at the VA Medical Center in Birmingham.



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## Area students on President's List & Dean's List at Montevallo

More than 600 University of Montevallo students were named to the honor roll for the spring semester.

The President's List included the names of 348 students. To make the President's List, a student must earn at least a 3.8 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be a full-time student at the university.

Dean's List honors went to 317 students. To make the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be a full-time student at the university.

President's List from Elba include Amie Perry of Jack and Shanna Tills of Elba.

Dean's List from Elba includes Carmenda Coleman of Elba.

## Summer Fun Day Camp being sponsored by Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama are sponsoring a week long Summer Fun Day Camp for all girls 5-12 years of age. This camp is not just for girl scouts; all girls are urged to attend. The Camp will be July 14th-18th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Summer Fun Day Camp will be held at Camp Hummingbird located between Elba and New Brockton. Activities include swimming, paddle boating, nature hikes, crafts, cheer, dance, sign language, games, movies and many other activities. The cost for the camp is \$50.00 per participant. Slots are filling up quickly. The registration deadline is July 4th. For more information or for a registration form call Alicia Cardwell, Membership Specialist at the Enterprise Girl Scout Office at 347-1965.



Mr. Patterson & Miss Thrower

## Miss Thrower and Mr. Patterson to be united in marriage August 9

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Thrower of Smiths, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristie Michele Thrower of Columbus, Ga., to John Stome Patterson Jr., also of Columbus. Mr. Patterson is the son of Ret. LTC and Mrs. John Stome Patterson Sr. of Richland, Ga. Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Driggers of Elba; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hanchey, Woodbury, Ga.; Mr. Jewell Thrower and the late Maggie

Thrower, Columbus, Ga. The future groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Greer Sr., Columbus, Ga. and the late Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Patterson, Richland, Ga.

Miss Thrower's great-grandparents are Mrs. Verbie Holley Herring and the late John Edmon Holley, Elba. The wedding will be an event of Aug. 9, 2003 at Summerville Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala.

## The Opus Nostrum Dinner Theatre to present "When You Comin back Red Ryder" July 10-26

The Opus Nostrum Dinner Theatre in Headland will present "When You Comin' Back Red Ryder?" by Mark Medoff Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings July 10-26. The doors open each evening at 6:30 with a buffet dinner served at 7:00. Intermission includes coffee and dessert. Yatta Abba of Abbeville will cater dinner. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (334) 693-0846 or (334) 774-8713 or by e-mail via opusnostrum@aol.com. The \$22.50 admission per person includes dinner, the play and gratuities. Payment by cash or check only. The Opus Nostrum Dinner Theatre is located at 115 West Church Street, Headland, Alabama.

Mark Medoff, best known for "Children of a Lesser God", sets the play one early Sunday morning in an all-night diner of a sleepy southwestern town. The night attendant, young Stephen (Red) Ryder is turning his duties over to his daytime counterpart, Angel. Angel's friend Lyle, who runs the gas station and motel across the road, stops by for breakfast followed by an affluent young couple en route to New Orleans. Upon the arrival of another couple, Teddy and Cheryl, the existing calm quickly vanishes. Their car has broken down, and while they wait for repairs, Teddy takes control



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# LIFESTYLES

## Dr. and Mrs. Brian Barnett honored with cookout at Brunson Farm

Brunson Farm was the setting for a cookout honoring Dr. and Mrs. Brian Barnett (Shea Ward), who were married April 26, 2003, in High Point, North Carolina. A bouquet of balloons and parade of flags marked the entrance to the spacious farm where many friends and relatives gathered on the evening of June 21st. As guests arrived, they were greeted by the honored couple, Robert and Sharon Ward, parents of the bride, Ryan Ward, brother of the bride, Mrs. Betty Hamm of Huntsville, maternal grandmother of the bride, and Marion and Nancy Brunson, cousins of the bride. After mingling and visiting, guests enjoyed a delicious buffet meal consisting of fried chicken, hot dogs, slaw, beans, and potato salad. Strawberry shortcake made with homemade pound cake was a perfect ending for the meal. The buffet table was covered with red checked cloths and interspersed with baskets. An antique enamel coffee pot and rustic jug filled with tall, natural arrangements of sunflowers, daisies, wild grapevine, tree ivy, and yard cane flanked the serving table. Numerous picnic tables were covered with blue cloths and centered with similar arrangements in antique bottles. Hostesses for the occasion were Gary and Jenny Allen, Lee and Harriette Boyd, Max and Kathy Boyzman, Marion and Nancy Brunson, Jim and Daphne Cook, Wendell and Myrna Cotton, Robbie and Debbie Curran, Lucia Grantham, Phil and June Hamm, Mark and Lois Holt, Charlotte Lynn, Doug and Elaine Martin, Cabert and Linda Mills, Craig and Cary Clark Perry, Lee and Janice Phillips, Mitch and Joyce Purvis, Bob and Melanie Robertson, Fred and Kathy Smith, Daniel and Rhonda Stephens, Kenneth and Sara Strong, Travis and Molly Mills Vanlandingham, Ella Jean Vaughan, Ronnie and Ramona Wambles, and Sherry Young.



Standing L. to R. Brian Barnett & Shea Barnett-honorees, Sharon Ward, Robert Ward, Marion Brunson and Nancy Brunson, seated front - Ryan Ward

## BoScott Grant celebrates second birthday



BoScott Grant

On Saturday June 7, 2003 family and friends joined BoScott Grant to celebrate his second birthday. The theme of the party was "Elmo". He received many wonderful gifts and had lots of fun.

BoScott is the son of Alex and Kathy Grant of the Friendship Community. He is the grandson of Jean Grant of Opp, Ala. and the late Luna Smith, and Collis and Barbara Eaton of the Friendship Community.



Mack and Mary Donaldson were recently in Pensacola, Fla. letting their hair down.

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## Williams graduates from LaGrange College

Chastity Sha' Lawn Williams of Elba, graduated from LaGrange College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science.



Mr. Jacobs & Miss Beaubouef

## Beaubouef-Jacobs wedding planned for November 14

Mr. Robert Beaubouef of Dothan, Ala., announces the engagement of his daughter Karen Sue to William Alan Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Jacobs of Dothan, Ala. The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Peggy Beaubouef of Hammond, La. and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roland A. Beaubouef of Pineville, La. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Otis Johnson of

Oakdale, La. The future bride-groom is the grandson of Ms. Joan Jacobs of Dothan, Ala. and the late Charles W. Jacobs of Elba, Ala. and Mr. and Mrs. William R. Spann of Elba, Ala.

The wedding is planned for 7:30 p.m. November 14, 2003, at St. Columba Catholic Church in Dothan, Ala. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

## Thorn Reunion planned for Saturday, July 5th

The Thorn Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 5, 2003 at the Senior Citizen Center in Samson, Ala. All paper goods will be furnished.

Bring a covered dish. For more information call Barbara Ezell at (334)565-3503 or Lunell Jackson at (334)565-3200.

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## TMD

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well. TMD, also known as a supplier for GM, Ford, Saturn, Lincoln/Mercury, Jaguar, Hummer and Mitsubishi, was founded in 1955, and its annual sales in 2002 were approximately \$130 million.

With operations in Toledo, Bowling Green, Carey, Tiffin and Delphos, Ohio, the Elba facility will mark the first time TMD has ventured outside the state of Ohio, and Mayor Grimes showed his appreciation Thursday when he said, "days like today are good days."

In his closing remarks, Harbaugh continued to stress the importance of the cooperative spirit of the people of Elba played in choosing the city as the site for the new facility, and he said the company is looking forward to being a part of the community.

"We're as excited about being here as you are about having us," he said. "We won't let you down."



Among the many distinguished officials present for last Thursday industry announcement in Elba included (from left): Representative Terry Spicer; Speaker of the House Seth Hammett; Elba Economic and Development director Kaye Whitworth; TMD president and CEO Donald Harbaugh; Elba Mayor James Grimes and Massey Development Group president Jarrod Massey.

## Sen. Holley and Rep. Spicer express excitement over TMD announcement

by Linda Hodge, Editor

As officials and citizens gathered last Thursday, June 19, for Elba's big industry announcement, two major players were recognized for their role in the negotiations with Toledo Molding & Die, Inc. (TMD).

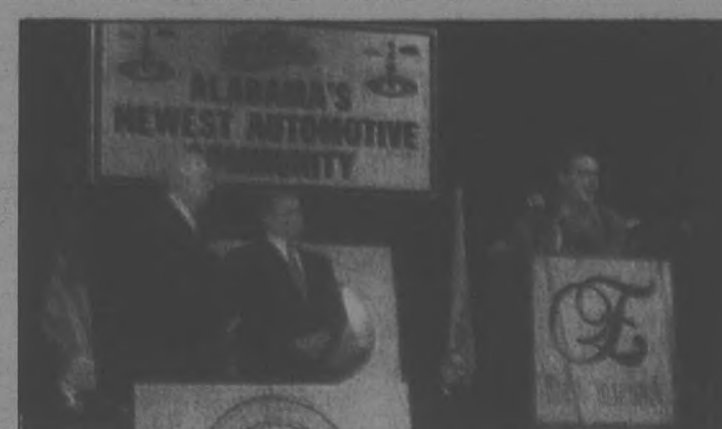
Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley played a huge role in helping Elba officials negotiate a deal with TMD, and each expressed his excitement over the community sealing the deal.

"I'm extremely excited about TMD coming to Elba," Spicer said. "This is a top-notch company and locating here will be a boost to the economy in Coffee County by providing at least

100 jobs." Although TMD's plant will be located in Elba, Holley said it means people from all over the Southeast region will have an opportunity for a new job.

This was echoed by Anita Archey, director of the Alabama Development office, when she said she was proud to be a part of the ceremony because the announcement meant 100 good-paying jobs would be coming to Elba. "Economic development starts at the local level and you all should be commended for bringing jobs to the community," she said.

Archey added that the local community can be proud of the work Holley and Spicer do in Montgomery for the local area. The two state leaders were a part of the negotiations from the



Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer received a standing ovation upon being introduced last Thursday morning by Jarrod Massey for the work they do in Montgomery and in helping the local area with its ongoing economic development.

beginning, and each said cooperation played a major role in helping Elba land this deal. "It's all about friendships and family," Spicer said. "We've developed a friendship that we hope will last forever."

Those involved in the process knew the competitive nature of

the business, and that is why Spicer said once the selection process was narrowed down to a location in Alabama, a decision was made to go to Toledo for introduction purposes.

He said all involved felt this would give the TMD folks an opportunity to better get to know the local people and show them just how much Elba wanted the company to locate here. Of course, Holley said before offering the company a spot here in Elba, a great deal of time was taken to check them out and make sure they were an ideal prospect. To this, he said the company proved to be a solid one with a good work ethic which certainly fit the criteria here in Coffee County.

Spicer also said the company will bring more than just its facility to town. He said two employees from the Toledo management team are originally from Alabama and six families will be moving to the area. As a matter of fact, he said they have already been looking for housing.

More than anything though, he said the importance of the company coming to Elba is that it will put people back to work, and he congratulated company officials for picking a great city and great community.

"We welcome you to your new home in Elba, Alabama," Holley said.



Elba Economic and Development Corporation director Kaye Whitworth shows off some of the parts manufactured by Toledo Molding & Die, Inc. (TMD). TMD is a full service supplier to the automotive industry with a full range of prototype capability including rapid prototyping in Toledo, an engineering and tool and die facility for the manufacture of injection and blow molds, also in Toledo, molding plants in Bowling Green, Carey, Tiffin, and Delphos, Ohio, a module assembly plant in Delphos and a corporate headquarters building in Toledo that includes a full service test laboratory.

## Scenes from last week's youth fishing day &amp; health fair



JUST A LITTLE STICK...Residents took advantage of the community health fair hosted by Elba General Hospital Saturday morning and got "checked out" in regards to blood sugar, cholesterol, bone density, blood pressure, etc. The health fair was a offered free of charge and proved very informative.



SAFETY AWARENESS...The Elba Police and Coffee County Sheriff's departments participated in the health fair by educating youngsters about the D.A.R.E. program. Jeff Sheldon and Myron Williams represented the departments. As a safety feature, Williams provided fingerprinting for the youngsters.



MESSY JOB...Chace Sauls got some help from his mom Denise in baiting his hook while participating in the fishing day activities.



FUN IN THE SUN...Those attending the health fair were greeted at the registration tables with smiles and reminders of summer fun which seemed to be the theme of the sunny day.



WHAT A CATCH...This youngster was all smiles as his catch was removed from the hook. The distinguished fisherman hooked and reeled in his fish in a very professional manner.



IT'S NOT GILLIGAN'S ISLAND...The employees of the hospital business office took great pride in designing a wonderful setting for the community health fair. This setting deservedly got the best design honors with its shipwrecked boat and survival hut.



HOOKED ON FISHING...Many local youngsters accompanied by their parents and/or grandparents participated in last Saturday's "Celebrate Elba 150" Youth Fishing Day at the Coffee County Lake.



FISHING FOCUS...Future Little Miss Elba Annisley Padgett made use of her tackle box while showing the patience of a seasoned fishing expert.



POWER SAFETY...The City of Elba electrical department participated in the community health fair last Saturday, and educated the public about the dangers of electrical lines. The employees used an exhibit to show exactly how dangerous down power lines can be.



BRIGHT SMILES...Employees from Dr. Timothy Jackson's dentistry office had plenty of goodies to offer those attending the community health fair. The office also had an exhibit set up to offer hints for keeping those teeth pearly white.

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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Years ago kids looked forward to the summer months and made plans on how best to enjoy their summer vacation. They may still enjoy not having to go to school, but for many kids the summer is just as busy as the rest of the year. Melanie will be in the ninth grade this year, and while she did get to go to the beach for the weekend two weeks ago, her weeks are filled with things to do. She has cheerleader practice two mornings a week beginning at 8:00 AM, plays softball at least two nights a week, and practices softball on most nights when she isn't playing in a game. She does sleep in whenever she gets the chance, but with things to do five days and four nights a week, the summer is no longer simply a time to rest and have fun.

## SWINGS AND MISSES...

\*\*\* The Elba baseball and softball leagues are in the midst of their All-Star tournaments, and this week alone there will be four baseball teams and three softball teams competing all across South Alabama with hopes of bringing back trophies. All the players and coaches have worked hard for weeks getting ready for the tournaments and while there is no doubt every single team will play its best and represent Elba well, it appears to me that many of our teams will have their hands full to say the least. The Dixie Boys League opened the tournament season last week with the "13-Year-Olds" over in Dothan competing against Dothan, Ozark and Enterprise, and the "14-Year-Olds" in Lufkin battling against teams from Lufkin, Greenville and Troy. For the younger team to have to compete against teams from Dothan, Ozark and Enterprise seems more than a little unfair, while the only team in the older boys event our own size is Lufkin. The Dixie Minor and Dixie Youth All-Stars will have to compete against teams from Geneva, Enterprise and Troy, while up in the Pre-Majors and Major Leagues the Elba teams will take the field against teams from Opp, Greenville, Dothan, Daleville and Enterprise. The tournaments are just as tough for the girls, as the Elba All-Stars must compete against Opp, Greenville, Andalusia, Enterprise and Troy. The players don't care who they take the field against and the coaches don't make excuses. However, when it comes to the All-Star teams their success on the field should not be based solely on the number of games they won.

\*\*\* Ronald McKinnon was back in town last weekend for his annual free football camp and once again a large number of area youngsters came out to meet the former Elba Tiger star that now is a standout with the Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League. McKinnon and the Elba Tiger coaching staff worked with the youngsters on the basics of the game in various positions, and it was great to see Ronald get on the field and teach what he has learned over the years to the many young players that took part. He gave the same attention to all the players, regardless of age, and made certain that the younger players had as much fun as the older players. It is hard for Ronald to get back to Elba very often due to his busy schedule with the Cardinals and the fact he now lives in Arizona, but he has made a commitment to come back each summer and work with the Elba kids, and it is one day we all look forward to each and every year. Ronald... Good luck this season with the Cardinals, and Thanks!

\*\*\* Troy State University has seen many of its home football games plagued by rain in recent years and last season played its homecoming game in a field that resembled a swamp. All that is now in the past, however, as Troy State has installed a new artificial turf that will insure excellent playing conditions no matter what the weatherman may send its way. The new AstroTurf synthetic turf includes a compacted stone base that serves as a basis for the underground drainage system, a polyurethane coating with roots sewn to a porous base that will allow the water to run through, a polyethylene fibrillated fiber that includes synthetic long grass that simulates the feel of real grass, a seventy-percent rubber infill that serves as a soft soil base and cushion, and a nylon root system with a thirty-percent sand mixture that helps hold the turf together. The new turf cost \$600,000 and will give Troy State the only synthetic turf field of its kind in the South. The Trojans played on the surface at both Nebraska and Arkansas with good results, and expect the new artificial surface to pay for itself in ten years due to the savings of maintaining a grass field.

\*\*\* If anyone thinks there isn't money to be made in the cellular phone business they should simply stop and look at the new contract Nextel signed to be the official sponsor of NASCAR. Nextel will replace R.J. Reynolds as the racing circuit's new sponsor and will pay NASCAR \$700 million over a ten year period. That is a cool \$70 million a year to be the official sponsor. No wonder roaring charges are so high!

\*\*\* In closing... Zion Chapel High School hired a new head football coach last week and I hope the new coach will stay at the Coffee County school for many years and help build the football program back to where it used to be when the Rebels were 1A contenders. In recent years the biggest problem facing the football program was the lack of support from many of the students that chose not to play. It is true that there aren't many students at Zion Chapel. However, that is the case at all 1A schools, and those schools don't make excuses when they fail to win. I urge all the students, parents of students and alumni of Zion Chapel High School to give their support to the new football coach and work with him to turn the Rebels back into winners. It won't be easy, but there is as much pride at Zion Chapel as there is anywhere, and if everyone works together it can be done.

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## In baseball and softball

## Elba All-Stars ready for tournament action

The coming week will be a busy one for players and coaches in the Elba youth baseball and softball leagues as All-Star teams from four baseball leagues and three softball leagues hit the road to compete in a seven-team Sub-District Tournament. Following is a brief tournament preview of each team.

## ELBA DIXIE MINOR

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars will head up to Troy to compete in a seven-team Sub-District Tournament. Teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Lufkin, Greenville, Enterprise and Opp. The Elba All-Stars will open tournament action on Friday, June 27, at 4:00 with a game against Geneva. A win will move the All-Stars into a Saturday night match-up against the winner of the Enterprise-American-Troy game at 8:00, while an opening round loss will move the All-Stars into an elimination contest Saturday at 6:00 against the loser of the Enterprise-Troy game. Games will be played at 6:00 and 8:00 on both Monday and Tuesday, with single games set for 7:00 on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars will be coached by Stevie Sauls, Scott Kelley and Tim Hobbins, and team members include Tyler Anderson, Brantson Bowers, Ashton Davis, Jeremy Duncan, Chance Goosby, Seth Hanchey, Chace Sauls, Taylor Ellis, Janzreh Flowers, Connor Kelley, Jaron Kelley, Gunnar McCollough and Isaac Nelson.

## ELBA DIXIE YOUTH

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars will travel across the county to Enterprise to compete in a seven-team Sub-District Tournament. Teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Enterprise, Nationals, Hartford, Geneva, Samson, Enterprise, Americans and Coffee County. The Elba All-Stars will swing into action on Tuesday, July 1, when they tangle with the host Enterprise Americans at 8:00 PM. A win in their opener will move the All-Stars into a Wednesday afternoon match-up against Coffee County at 4:00, while a loss in the opening round will send the All-Stars into an elimination contest at 6:00 PM on Thursday night against either Enterprise National, Hartford, Geneva or Samson. Tournament games are scheduled to continue on Wednesday and Thursday at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00, with games on Saturday, July 5, set for 6:00 and 8:00. Single games are set for Monday, July 7 and Tuesday, July 8, at 7:00.

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars are coached by Wayne Jackson, Rhett McCollough and Mike McKee, and team members include Gavin Flowers, Richard Cooks, Colton Vaughan, D.J. McKee, Justin Winters, Jordan McBride, Michael Spurlin, Kyle Pope, Dylan McCollough, Devin Jackson, Bradley Wilson, Jamison Baker and Justin Malory.

## ELBA DIXIE PRE-MAJORS

The Elba Dixie Pre-Majors All-Stars will hit the road to Daleville to compete in a five-team District Tournament. Teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Opp, Greenville, Dothan and Daleville. The Elba All-Stars will begin tournament play on Friday, June 27, at 5:30, when they hit the field to battle Opp. A win in the opening round will move the All-Stars into a second round contest against Daleville on Saturday afternoon at 5:30, while an opening round loss will send the All-Stars into an elimination contest against the loser of the Greenville-Dothan game on Saturday at 8:00. Games on Monday, June 30 will also be held at 5:30 and 8:00, while single games are scheduled for July 1-3, beginning at 7:00 on each night.

The Elba All-Stars are coached by Greg Hanchey and Alan Smith, and team members include Josh Smith, Austin Smith, Aaron Hartsell, Jamie

Wise, Brandon Taylor, Ryan Gibbs, Adam Spicer, Clark Skinner, Chase Boutwell, Alan Willis, Lance Sutley, Dustin Rhoades, Jeremy Sneed and Joshua Miller.

## ELBA DIXIE MAJORS

The Elba Dixie Majors All-Stars will travel to Opp to compete in a six-team District Tournament. Teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Lufkin, Greenville, Enterprise and Opp. The Elba All-Stars will open tournament action on Friday, June 27, at 8:30 against the host team from Opp. A win in the opening round game will move the All-Stars into a Monday night contest at 8:30 against either Lufkin, Greenville, Enterprise or Opp. Double-headers are also set for Saturday, June 28 and Tuesday, July 1, at 5:30 and 8:00, while single games are on tap at 7:00 on July 2 and July 3.

The Elba All-Stars are coached by Freddie Thomas, Rachel Moore and Marvin Smith, and team members include Derrick Thomas, Ralston Moore, Matthew Curran, Jason Curran, Rick Smith, Kyle English, Brandon Petty, Brandon Arnold, Garrett Bowers, Blake Lambert and Jamey White.

## ELBA DIXIE ANGELS

The Elba Dixie Angels All-Stars will travel to Opp to compete in a seven-team Sub-District Tournament. Teams in the double-elimination tournament will include Elba, Lufkin, Greenville, Andalusia and Enterprise. The Elba All-Stars will begin tournament play on Friday, June 27, at 8:00, against Lufkin. An opening round win will move the All-Stars into an 8:00 Saturday night clash against the winner of the Highland Home-Opp game, while a loss in the opening round will send the All-Stars into an elimination contest on Saturday at 6:00 against the loser of the Highland Home-Opp game. Games are also set for 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 on Monday, June 30, with a double-header set for 6:00 and 8:00 on July 1. Single games are on tap at 7:00 on both July 2 and July 3.

The Elba All-Stars are coached by Kim Bane, Amy Hurd and Patrick Dewberry, and team members include Molly McGuire, Nikki Prettyman, Hillarie Davis, Sarah Bane, Kei Anna Edwards, Caney Matthews, Kelli Behrens, Bethany Wilson, Amelia Perrie, Shelby Boswell, Paige Gibson and Kayla Hurd.

The Elba Dixie Angels All-Stars will travel to Enterprise to compete in an eight-team Sub-District Tournament. Teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Troy, Andalusia, Enterprise, Highland Home, Greenville, Opp and Brantley. The Elba All-Stars will swing into action on Friday night, June 27 at 8:00 when they oppose Brantley. An opening round win will move the All-Stars into a second round game on Saturday night at 8:00 against the winner of the Greenville-Opp game, while a loss in the opening round will send the All-Stars into an elimination contest on Saturday night at 6:00 against the loser of the Greenville-Opp game. Four games will be played on both Friday and Saturday at adjacent fields at Donaldson Park, with three games on tap Monday, two games on July 1 and single games on July 2 and July 3.

The Elba All-Stars are coached by Wendell Davis, Melinda Lee and Michael Goodson, and team members include Hillary Davis, Hayden Goodson, Heather Hines, Nicole Hollaway, Lindsay Amlong, Janie Hall, Erica Mount, Meagan Anderson, Cortin Lee, Maisie Thomas, Meagan Sullivan and Chessie Cross.

## The Tournament Trail....

## DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

In Troy,  
Friday, June 27  
4:00 - (Game 1) Geneva vs. Elba  
6:00 - (Game 3) Enterprise Nationals vs. Coffee County  
8:00 - (Game 2) Enterprise Nationals vs. Troy  
Saturday, June 28  
4:00 - (Game 4) Samson vs. Game 3 Winner  
6:00 - (Game 5) Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser  
8:00 - (Game 6) Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 Winner  
Tournament continues through July 3

## DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

In Enterprise,  
Tuesday, July 1  
4:00 - (Game 1) Enterprise Nationals vs. Hartford  
6:00 - (Game 2) Geneva vs. Samson  
8:00 - (Game 3) Elba vs. Enterprise Americans  
Wednesday, July 2  
4:00 - (Game 4) Coffee County vs. Game 3 Winner  
6:00 - (Game 5) Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser  
8:00 - (Game 6) Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 Winner  
Tournament continues through July 8

## DIXIE PRE-MAJORS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

In Daleville,  
Friday, June 27  
8:30 - (Game 1) Opp vs. Elba  
8:00 - (Game 2) Greenville vs. Dothan  
Saturday, June 28  
5:30 - (Game 3) Daleville vs. Game 1 Winner  
8:00 - (Game 4) Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser  
Tournament continues through July 3

## DIXIE MAJORS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

In Opp,  
Friday, June 27  
3:30 - (Game 1) Lufkin vs. Georgiana  
6:00 - (Game 2) Greenville vs. Enterprise  
8:30 - (Game 3) Opp vs. Elba  
Saturday, June 28  
5:30 - (Game 4) Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser  
8:00 - (Game 5) Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 Winner  
Tournament continues through July 3

## DIXIE ANGELS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

In Opp,  
Friday, June 27  
4:00 - (Game 1) Greenville vs. Andalusia  
6:00 - (Game 2) Highland Home vs. Opp  
8:00 - (Game 3) Lufkin vs. Elba  
Saturday, June 28  
4:00 - (Game 4) Enterprise vs. Game 1 Winner  
6:00 - (Game 5) Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser  
8:00 - (Game 6) Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 Winner  
Tournament continues through July 3

## DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

In Enterprise,  
Friday, June 27  
6:00 - (Game 1) Troy vs. Andalusia  
6:00 - (Game 2) Greenville vs. Opp  
8:00 - (Game 3) Enterprise vs. Highland Home  
8:00 - (Game 4) Brantley vs. Elba  
Saturday, June 28  
6:00 - (Game 5) Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser  
8:00 - (Game 6) Game 3 Loser vs. Game 4 Loser  
8:00 - (Game 7) Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 Winner  
8:00 - (Game 8) Game 3 Winner vs. Game 4 Winner  
Tournament continues through July 3

## DIXIE BELLES SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

In Andalusia,  
Friday, June 27  
6:00 - (Game 1) Greenville vs. Opp  
8:00 - (Game 2) Elba vs. Lufkin  
8:00 - (Game 3) Andalusia vs. Enterprise  
Saturday, June 28  
6:00 - (Game 4) Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser  
8:00 - (Game 5) Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 Winner  
Tournament continues through July 2

## ELBA DIXIE BELLES

The Elba Dixie Belles All-Stars will head over to Andalusia to compete in a six-team Sub-District Tournament. Teams in the double-elimination tournament will include Elba, Greenville, Opp, Lufkin, Andalusia and Enterprise. The Elba All-Stars will begin tournament play on Friday night, June 27, at 8:00 against Lufkin. An opening round win will move the All-Stars into a second round match-up against the winner of the Greenville-Opp game, while a loss will send the All-Stars into an elimination round contest against the loser of the Greenville-Opp game. Three games are on tap for Friday night, with two games set to begin at 6:00 and 8:00 on Saturday, June 28 through Wednesday, July 2.

The All-Stars are coached by Ricky Mularz, Laura Baxley and Melissa Mularz, and team members include Heather Reeves, Stephanie Baxley, Haley Stinson, Summer Stricklin, Krystan Parker, Melanie Mularz, Valerie Hutcherson, Hannah Manning, Brooke Stinson, Jennifer Hilyer, Brittany Caldwell and Keri Hobbs.

## NOTICE

A team meeting will be held at the Zion Chapel High School Gym Thursday Night, June 26 at 8:00.

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## SPORTS

## Harry Lees named as head football coach at Zion Chapel High School

Zion Chapel High School filled its head football coaching vacancy last week when Harry Lees was named as the new Rebel head coach.

Lees, a 1990 graduate of Charles Henderson High School and a 1995 Troy State grad, replaces John Donaldson, who resigned late in the school year after only one season at the helm. Donaldson will remain at Zion Chapel as the head baseball coach and will also serve as an assistant in football.

"The first thing I have to do is try to get the kids out," stated Lees in a published interview in The Dothan Eagle. "The ones we do get out, we have to get bigger, stronger and faster. I am excited about the challenge and I can't wait to meet the kids and get started."

Zion Chapel, once a 1A power, has struggled on the football field in recent years and has been ranked as low as 11th over the past eight years has

posted an 18-58 record, including only three wins the past two seasons. Two years ago the Rebels were hit by a rash of injuries and a lack of players, and were forced to forfeit a game against cross-county rival New Brockton.

The new Zion Chapel head coach was an offensive linemen and linebacker at Charles Henderson High, where he played under coaches Ronnie Gifford and John Frieson. He served as a volunteer coach at Charles Henderson while attending Troy State, and after graduation was an assistant coach for one season at Oak Grove High School, near Bessemer. He then was an assistant coach for one season at Chelsea High School, in Shelby County, before being named an assistant coach at Escambia High School, in Pensacola. He was on staff at Escambia when the team reached the Class 4A

finals in 1999, and for the past three years has been an assistant coach at Pace High School.

Zion Chapel High School principal Jerry Barnes was excited about the hiring of Lees as the school's new head coach, and stated "I have been impressed with Coach Lees and we are all excited and believe he can lead this football program in the right direction. He has worked with some good people throughout his coaching career and enjoyed great success, at both Escambia and Pace. Coach Lees is a good Christian man and we know he will bring new excitement and confidence to the program. One of the keys to success at any small school is to get the students out for the program, and Coach Lees has already hit the ground running and will try to make certain that every student that wants to play will get the opportunity."

## Elba volleyball camp set for Elba High July 29-30

The Elba Volleyball Camp, 2003, will be held on July 29-30 at the Elba High School gym, with Elba Tiger head coach Amelia Rhoades as clinician. The cost is \$50 per person and

checks should be made payable to Amelia Rhoades. Basic skills and techniques will be taught at the two-day camp, which is for players in grades 7-12. The schedule will include

Session I from 9:00 until 12:00, a lunch break from 12:00 until 1:00 and Session II from 1:00 until 4:00, on both days. For more information contact Coach Rhoades at (h) 565-3240 or (s) 897-2266.

## Swimming lessons set for July 7-11 at City Pool

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor beginner swimming lessons for July 7-11, at the City Pool, located at Hawkins-Williams

Park, for youngsters ages 12 and under. The lessons will be taught by Red Cross certified lifeguards and be held daily from 10:00 AM until 12:00 (noon). The cost

of the lessons is \$15 per person. For more information, or to register for lessons, call the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833 or the City Pool 897-0555.

## Elba cheerleader registration extended until July 7

Registration for youth cheerleaders for the upcoming football season has been extended until Monday, July 7, at 5:00 PM.

The ages include Midgets

(ages 7-8), Termites (ages 9-10) and Pee Wees (ages 11-12) with a girls age being determined by her age on August 1, 2003.

Forms are available at the Elba Recreation Center and the

## Adult summer softball leagues planned for Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced plans to form a "Summer Softball League," with games to be played in both Men's and Co-Ed divisions.

Team registration will take place from July 1 - July 15, with

games scheduled to begin on July 22 and July 24. The Men's division will play all games on Tuesday nights, with the Co-Ed division to play games on Thursday nights.

Team entry fee is \$150 and is due when the team roster is

turned in prior to the registration deadline. In the Co-Ed division all teams must have an equal number of males and females on the roster.

For more information call the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833.

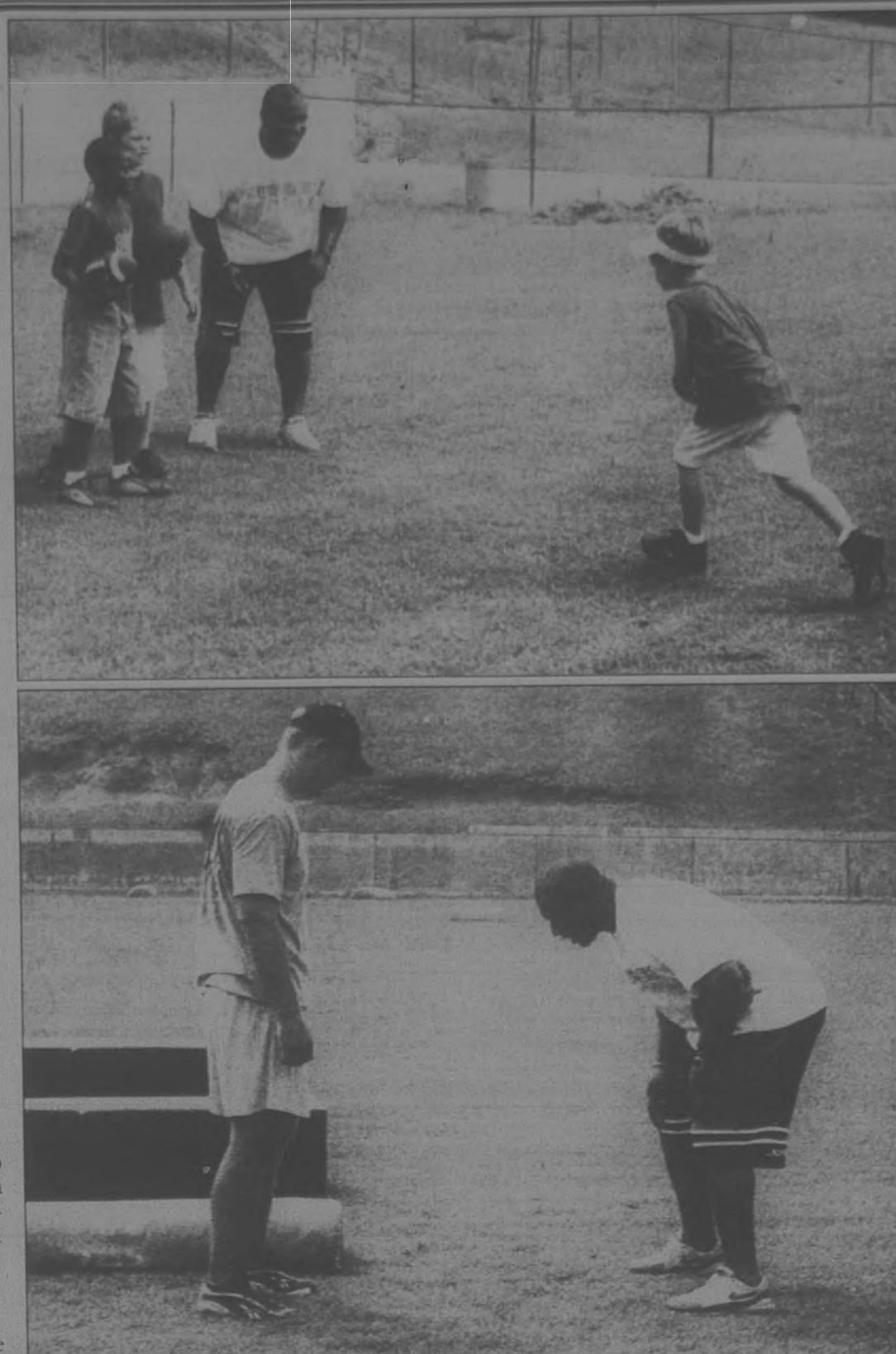
## Golf tourney to benefit area scholarship fund

The Wiregrass Chapter, ASMC invites interested golfers to participate in its second annual Scholarship and Community Services Golf Tournament. The tournament will be a four-person scramble and will be held on June 26, 2003 at the Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until noon, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. This event was rescheduled after postponement of the 25 April tournament due to inclement weather. Teams who registered in April are automatically registered for the June tournament.

Entry fee is \$35.00 per player, which includes golf cart, green fees and lunch. Two mulligans can be purchased for an additional \$5.00 (limit 2 per player). Players who sign up by 17 Jun will receive one free mulligan. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams plus door prizes will be given away throughout the day.

Golfers who would like to play in the tournament should leave a phone number and detailed message for WO1 Timothy Robinson at 503-9146. Monetary donations and entry fees (with name, address and phone number) may be mailed to Wiregrass Chapter, ASMC, P.O. Box 620266, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-0266.

The American Society of Military Comptrollers is a national, non-profit educational and professional organization whose main focus is professional development of its members and others interested in military financial operations. To encourage young people to consider a business or business related career, the Wiregrass Chapter awards annual scholarships to area high school seniors.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Prize-winners named at Covington Electric Coop membership meeting**  
The 1991 Chevrolet 1500 Fleetside truck was awarded to Vencie Dwyne of Opp, as the major attendance prize at the annual membership meeting of Covington Electric Cooperative held on April 3.

Wilmer Peavy of Opp, was the winner of the 27-inch color television, and Ed Bass of Andalusia, received the DVD player.

The microwave oven went to Harvey L. Raben of Andalusia; the electric grill with rotisserie was won by Robert Cain of Elba; and Linda Horath of Opp, received the \$150 cash prize from Covington Electric.

Other prize winners were as follows:

CD/DVD Player—Thomas Hendrix, Red Level; Worley camera—Danyel Worley, Andalusia; \$100 cash—Buddy Phillips, Andalusia; \$100 cash—Donna Ammons, Andalusia; \$100 cash—Joyce Baker, Red Level; \$100 cash—

Marion McCollough, Pace, Fla. 1/2" Electric drill—Lamar Gant, Andalusia; George Foreman Rotisserie Grill—Blue Springs Church; Dozer, ScumBuster—Denford Rathel, Dozer; Coffee maker—Thomas D. Arnold, Gant; Silver candy bowl—William Herbal, Andalusia; Coffee maker—Robert Worley, Andalusia; Water cooler—Jordan Grove Baptist Church, Andalusia; Rain coat—Hopewell Fire Department, Andalusia.

Alarm clock—Sherry Howell, River Falls, Hand mixer—Travis Brewer, Enterprise; Fire extinguisher—Brooks Rogers, Andalusia; Fire extinguisher—Peggy J. Barnes, Andalusia; Tote bag—Joyce Morgan Stinson, Red Level; Mini food processor—J.B. Butler, Andalusia; Sportsman's lite—Belinda Rogers, Andalusia; Flashlight—Joseph Thomas Johnson, Flashlight—Bobby Wayne Gordon, Andalusia; Water cooler—Clark Furniture, Samson; Water cooler—Earl Byrd, Elba; Water cooler—Anthony Freney, Red Level; Water cooler—W.H. Caldwell, Elba; Hat—Carlynn G. Hudson, Elba.

**NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS**

**ANTHONY T. DAVIS**  
Navy Hospitalman Anthony T. Davis, son of Mildred F. and Edward L. Davis of Brundidge, Ala., recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Davis learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Davis also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Davis is a 2001 graduate of Pike County High School of Brundidge, Ala., and joined the Navy in July 2001.

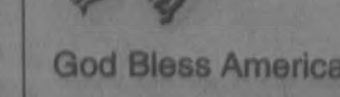
**MICHAEL BIGELOW**  
Navy Lt. Michael A. Bigelow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Bigelow of Jack, Ala., recently completed a two-week bilateral training exercise with Albanian military forces while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, N.C. The unit is currently aboard the USS Two Jima Amphibious Ready Group.

Drawing upon lessons learned in recent operations in Mosul, Iraq, Bigelow's unit sought to create a training exercise that included every element of the MEU with specific emphasis on combat service support of secure convoy procedures.

Bigelow's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element.

With this combination, Bigelow's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Bigelow is a 1977 graduate of Penncrest Senior High School of Media, Pa., and joined the Navy in June 1999. He is a 1987 graduate of Manhattan Christian College, Kan., with a BA degree.







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